

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising

- (a) at least one active compound for the treatment of plants; and
- (b) at least one N-vinylamide-based copolymer, wherein the copolymer comprises

monomer units

- (i) of at least one N-vinylamide,
- (ii) of at least one ester of an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid,

and, optionally,

- (iii) of at least one additional copolymerizable comonomer,

wherein the carboxylic acid ester exhibits alkoxylate residues of the [general] formula (I)



in which

$R^1$  is [hydrogen or an aliphatic hydrocarbon residue with 3 to 40 carbon atoms]  
branched or linear, saturated or unsaturated C<sub>5-15</sub>-alkyl;

$R^2, R^3, R^4$  are, independently of one another, hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl;

w, x, z correspond, independently of one another, to a value of 0 to 100, the sum of w, x and z being greater than 0;

y corresponds to a value of 1 to 20;

[X is N or O,]

[n being 1 and  $R^1$  not being hydrogen if X is O; or n being 2 if X is N].

15. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the N-vinylamide is chosen from N-vinylpyrrolidone and N-vinylcaprolactam.

16. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid is acrylic acid or methacrylic acid.

17. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the carboxylic acid esters exhibit ethoxylate residues of the [general] formula (Ia)



in which

$R^1$  is branched or linear, saturated or unsaturated  $C_{5-15}$ -alkyl; and  
 $z$  corresponds to a value of 1 to 100.

18. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the additional copolymerizable comonomer is chosen from (meth)acrylamide, (meth)acrylonitrile, alkyl (meth)acrylates and alkyl vinyl ethers.

19. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, which comprises

- (i) 99 to 60 weight% of monomer units (i);
- (ii) 1 to 30 weight% of monomer units (ii); and
- (iii) 0 to 10 weight% of monomer units (iii).

20. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 14 as adjuvant to the plants.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20 for improving the effectiveness of an active compound for plant protection.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20 in plant cultivation, in agriculture or in horticulture.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20 for controlling undesired plant growth.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the treatment is postemergence treatment.
25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the treatment is spray treatment of plants.
26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the composition is applied as tank additive.
27. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 15 as adjuvant to the plants.
28. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 16 as adjuvant to the plants.
29. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 17 as adjuvant to the plants.
30. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 18 as adjuvant to the plants.
31. (Previously Presented) A method of treating plants which comprises applying the composition as claimed in claim 19 as adjuvant to the plants.